Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) The Government of India have revised their scheme of subsidy as a result of which this State is offered only a lesser amount as subsidy than what it was receiving before.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No reply has so far been received.

(*d*) The figures are being worked out.

(*e*) This can be known only when the Government of India's reply is received.

LANDS UNDER PADDY CULTIVATION

*539 [25] **Sri. Paul Thaliath:** Will the Hon'ble Chief Minister be pleased to state ;

(*a*) whether the Government have got any statistics showing the total acreage of lands under paddy cultivation in the Cochin and Travancore area respectively;

(*b*) if so, the year or years in which the said statistics were prepared ;

(*c*) according to this statistics the acreage under paddy cultivation in the Cochin and Travancore areas respectively; and

(*d*) the total quantity of paddy purchased by the Government in 1950 in Cochin and Travancore areas respectively ?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan) :**

(*a*) Approximate statistics are available.

(*b*) During 1949—50.

(*c*) 5,95,700 acres in Travancore and 2,00,000 acres in Cochin.

(*d*) Cochin—59,39,900 paras.
Travancore—75,05,738 paras.

FOREST INDUSTRIES TRAVANCORE LTD.

*540 [26] **Sri. Paul Thaliath :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Industrie Excise and Local Self Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) Whether it is a fact that the Forest Industries Travancore Ltd., has already incurred a loss of more than half of its paid up capital;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that this company is taking steps for the reduction of its paid up capital :

(*c*) what steps have been taken with regard to the instances of mis-management in the company pointed out by the Government auditor ?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes. But the company is now working satisfactorily and earning reasonable profits.

(*b*) Yes.

(c) Necessary steps are being taken (Details cannot be revealed at this stage).

STATE FORCES

*541 [27] **Sri. E. P. Poulose:** Will the Hon'ble the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many officers of the State Forces not absorbed in the Indian Army have been appointed to Government service in this State ;

(*b*) whether representations have been made to the Central Government to appoint the others in the civil departments under the Central Government; and

(c) if so, with what result ?

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